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JIM LEIGHTON  
'Why it had  
to be United'



Jim Leighton arrives at Old Trafford.

# JIM FIXES IT!

THE sight of Terry Gibson dancing round Wembley with an FA Cup winners' medal has reinforced cast-off 'keeper Chris Turner's view that there is life after Manchester United.

The former Sunderland hero has been living in fear of the axe almost since the day manager Alex Ferguson arrived at Old Trafford, with the United boss subsequently linked with a whole host of top goalkeeping stars.

Alex finally landed his man when he completed the £750,000 deal that took Jim Leighton to Manchester and Chris confesses he's relieved his agony is finally over.

"Jim's arrival makes it 100 per cent certain I'll be leaving instead of just 90 per cent which was the case before United signed anybody," says Chris.

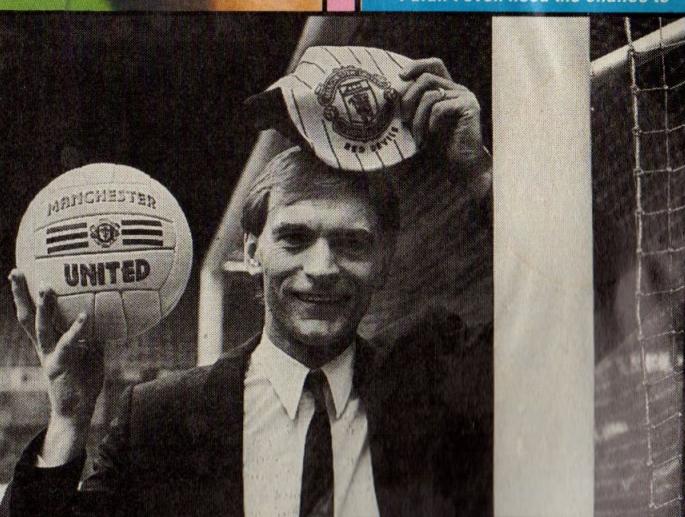
"I wanted to leave last summer but the club couldn't find a

*Left: Jim Leighton – jumped at the chance to sign for United.*

JIM LEIGHTON didn't even have to speak to his old boss Alex Ferguson to know Old Trafford was the place for him.

Almost as soon as the Aberdeen and Scotland number one knew the 'Dons' had accepted United's offer, Jim was on his way to Manchester.

"I'd set my heart on joining United and even discussed a move there with my wife, so as soon as Ian Porterfield told me the clubs had agreed a fee I knew where I was going," he says. "I didn't even need the chance to



## NOW TURNER CAN QUIT

replacement so I had to stay.

"Then I went on tour with the reserves to Devon along with Terry Gibson and we were both so depressed, although I think he was even lower than me.

"So it was great to see him at Wembley with Wimbledon and I know there's a lot of football left in me so, who knows, perhaps I could be at Wembley in a year's time!"

It was Chris's performances on the way to Wembley – in Sunderland's 1985 Milk Cup run

**HOWARD WHEATCROFT** discovers why the arrival of big-money capture Jim Leighton at Old Trafford was the best news resident 'keeper Chris Turner had heard all year ... EXCLUSIVE!

– that secured a £300,000 move to United but he admits he would have been prepared to drop into the Third Division with the Roker Park outfit to resurrect his career.

"Sunderland came in for me last season and I would have loved to have gone back there but they couldn't come up with the cash so I stayed at United," says the 29-year-old 'keeper.

"But, in retrospect, I think that and the fact I couldn't get away last summer might have improved my chances of getting another club.

"At the end of last season I was playing in the reserves but, when Gary Walsh got injured, I got back into the team and ended up having a long run in a side that finished second in the First Division.

"It was a bit different to being third in line behind Gary Bailey and Gary Walsh.

"United have had to spend £750,000 to buy one of the top three 'keepers in the country to replace me. I now just want the chance to prove my ability in the First Division."

## IT HAD TO BE UNITED

chat with Alex. The fact that United wanted me was enough to make up my mind."

Speculation has been rife for almost a year that Jim would be on his way from Pittodrie, thus severing an 11-year connection with the Premier Division outfit.

He continues: "Because my contract was up this summer, I've been linked with clubs all over the place, particularly France and Germany.

"But I didn't actually tell Aberdeen I was leaving until a month ago and even then asked them to keep it quiet until the end of the season.

"I don't think the rumours bothered me personally, although my wife and kids found it very unsettling and the older children found themselves getting grilled at school as to where I was going.

"I'd definitely made up my mind to move, however, and feel I've done all I can in Scottish football. I've got a complete set of domestic medals and also enjoyed European success.

"I need a change – a breath of fresh

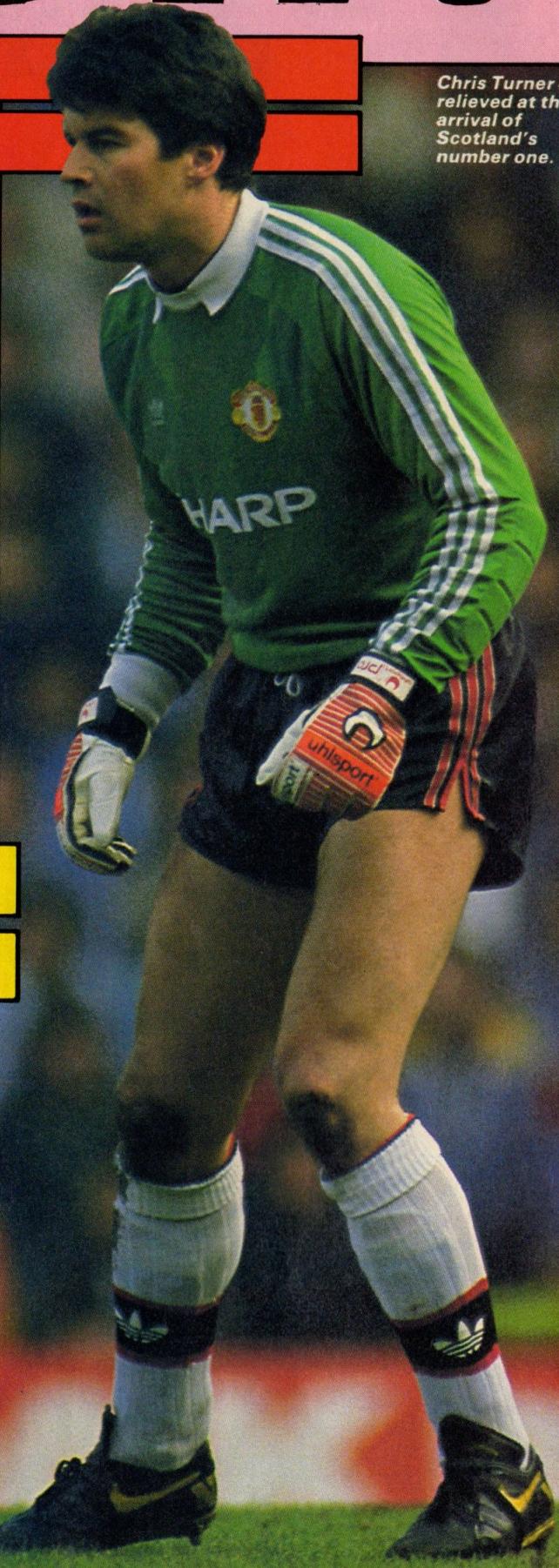
air if you like – and believe the move can only take my career a stage further."

At one point United boss Alex Ferguson seemed to have lost patience after a long wait for Jim and the First Division runners-up were linked with Rangers and England star Chris Woods.

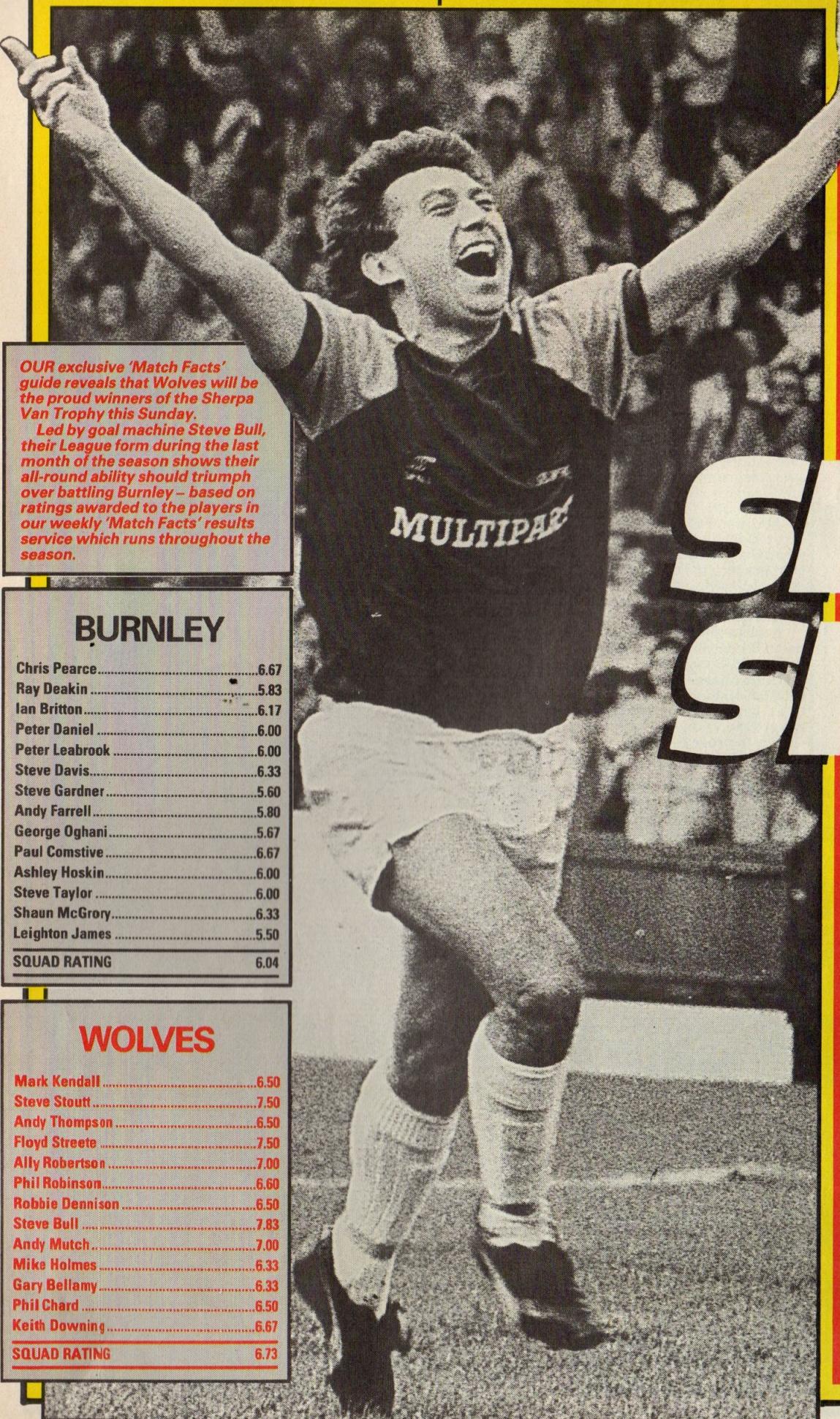
But that proved to be a mere feint and Ferguson finally captured another major figure in his Old Trafford overhaul, at the same time strengthening healthy connections between the two clubs that in previous years has seen Martin Buchan and Gordon Strachan take the road South to fame and fortune – as well as the manager himself.

Even before he arrived at the ground, Jim was only too conscious of the one burning desire of everybody at United, as he explains: "I've spoken to both Gordon and Brian McClair and know from them just how desperate United are to win the League.

"I'm also very aware of just how ambitious Alex Ferguson is, having worked with him for so long."



Chris Turner – relieved at the arrival of Scotland's number one.



LEFT: Neil Grewcock celebrates scoring the goal against Orient which kept Burnley in the Fourth Division last season. Now Wembley is the reward.

OUR exclusive 'Match Facts' guide reveals that Wolves will be the proud winners of the Sherpa Van Trophy this Sunday.

Led by goal machine Steve Bull, their League form during the last month of the season shows their all-round ability should triumph over battling Burnley – based on ratings awarded to the players in our weekly 'Match Facts' results service which runs throughout the season.

## BURNLEY

Chris Pearce	6.67
Ray Deakin	5.83
Ian Britton	6.17
Peter Daniel	6.00
Peter Leabrook	6.00
Steve Davis	6.33
Steve Gardner	5.60
Andy Farrell	5.80
George Oghani	5.67
Paul Comstive	6.67
Ashley Hoskin	6.00
Steve Taylor	6.00
Shaun McGroarty	6.33
Leighton James	5.50
<b>SQUAD RATING</b>	<b>6.04</b>

## WOLVES

Mark Kendall	6.50
Steve Stout	7.50
Andy Thompson	6.50
Floyd Streete	7.50
Ally Robertson	7.00
Phil Robinson	6.60
Robbie Dennison	6.50
Steve Bull	7.83
Andy Mutch	7.00
Mike Holmes	6.33
Gary Bellamy	6.33
Phil Chard	6.50
Keith Downing	6.67
<b>SQUAD RATING</b>	<b>6.73</b>

# SHERPA SHOOT-OUT!

Now the 33-year-old utility man faces the prospect of Wembley for the third time in his distinguished career as a Burnley player lining up against Wolves – the club with whom he won a League Cup winners' medal in 1980!

"The whole situation is so ironic," says Peter. "Last year I suffered a terrible experience and I never in all my wildest dreams imagined I would be playing for Burnley in a cup final at Wembley one year later – especially against my old club."

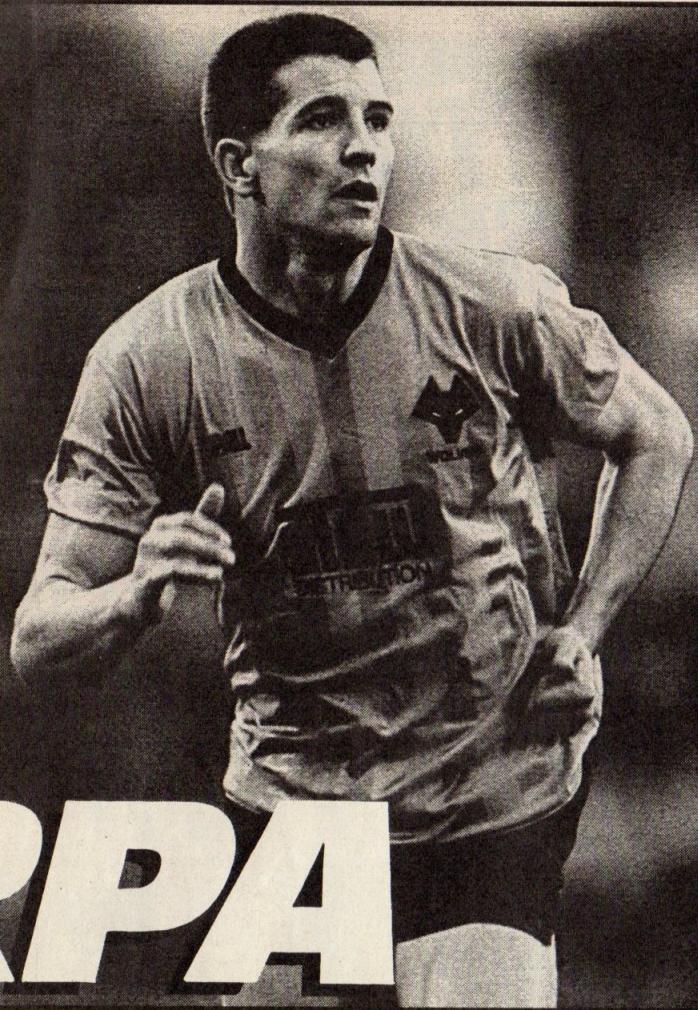
"Burnley only stayed in the League by beating Orient on the day we lost to Swansea but that experience has stood them in good stead this season."

"It was a traumatic time for the players and supporters but manager Brian Miller has done a great job and the players he's brought to the club have responded to the challenge."

It was while Peter was searching out new players to re-build Lincoln's future that his own future took its latest twist.

He explains: "I rang Burnley boss Brian Miller to find out if he had any players available which I could sign for Lincoln when he asked me what my own situation was."

"I told him I was being interviewed for the manager's job at Lincoln but he asked me to contact him if things didn't work out. Colin



## HOW THEY GOT THERE

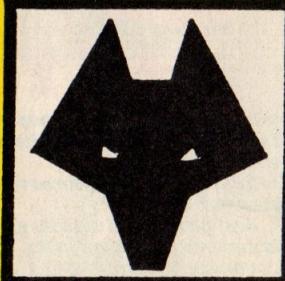
### BURNLEY



PRELIMINARY ROUND: Tranmere 1, BURNLEY 2 (Oghani, Grewcock). BURNLEY 3 (Grewcock, Reeves, Farrell), Rochdale 2. BURNLEY 1 (Oghani), Chester 0.  
QUARTER-FINAL: Bury 0, BURNLEY 1 (Comstive).  
SEMI-FINAL: BURNLEY 0, Halifax 0 (after extra-time, Burnley won 5-3 on pens.).  
NORTHERN AREA FINAL: First leg – BURNLEY 0, Preston 0. Second leg – Preston 1, BURNLEY 3 (Oghani, Hoskin, Comstive) (after extra-time).  
GOALSCORERS: 3 – Oghani; 2 – Grewcock, Comstive; 1 – Reeves, Farrell, Hoskin.

RIGHT: Peter Daniel back from the depths of despair.

### WOLVES



PRELIMINARY ROUND: Swansea 1, WOLVES 1 (Bull). WOLVES 3 (Vaughan, Bull 2), Bristol City 1. WOLVES 4 (Bull 3, Dennison), Brentford 0.  
QUARTER-FINAL: WOLVES 4 (Bull 2, Dennison, Mutch), Peterborough 0.  
SEMI-FINAL: WOLVES 1 (Bull), Torquay 0.  
SOUTHERN AREA FINAL: First leg – Notts County 1, WOLVES 1 (Bull). Second leg – WOLVES 3 (Bull 2, Downing), Notts County 0.  
GOALSCORERS: 12 – Bull; 2 – Dennison; 1 – Vaughan, Mutch, Downing.



The victorious Wolves team (Peter Daniel, front row, second right) celebrate victory at Wembley in 1980. Now Peter is back beneath the twin towers to face his old club.

# THE ONLY WEEKLY FOR BIG MATCH ACTION ...

WHEREVER the big games are taking place, MATCH is there in the thick of the action – bringing you the pictures and stories FIRST.

And just as last week's great issue was unrivalled in its coverage of Wimbledon's historic FA Cup Final victory, so this week's England v Scotland action proves once again that you can count on MATCH when

it matters most.

You'll find our pictures from the battle of the 'Auld Enemy' – a crucial warm-up match in England's bid to win the European Championship crown – on Pages 1, 12 and 13.

And there's more European Championship flavour – including a super colour poster – on Pages 19 to 22.

## EDITOR'S DESK -

WITH MELVYN BAGNALL



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In addition to weekly prizes of a pair of tickets to England's Wembley games, there are daily prizes.

Football Trivia Line costs 25p a minute after 6.00pm and at weekends and 38p a minute during the peak periods.

## TRIVIA WINNER

### AT WEMBLEY

MATCH reader Kevan Platt has won an all-expenses-paid trip to Wembley to see England play – thanks to his skills with football trivia.

Thousands of soccer enthusiasts

from all over the UK have been testing their knowledge with a new and exciting telephone competition, the Football Trivia Line, brought to you by MATCH. The questions are posed by Emlyn Hughes.

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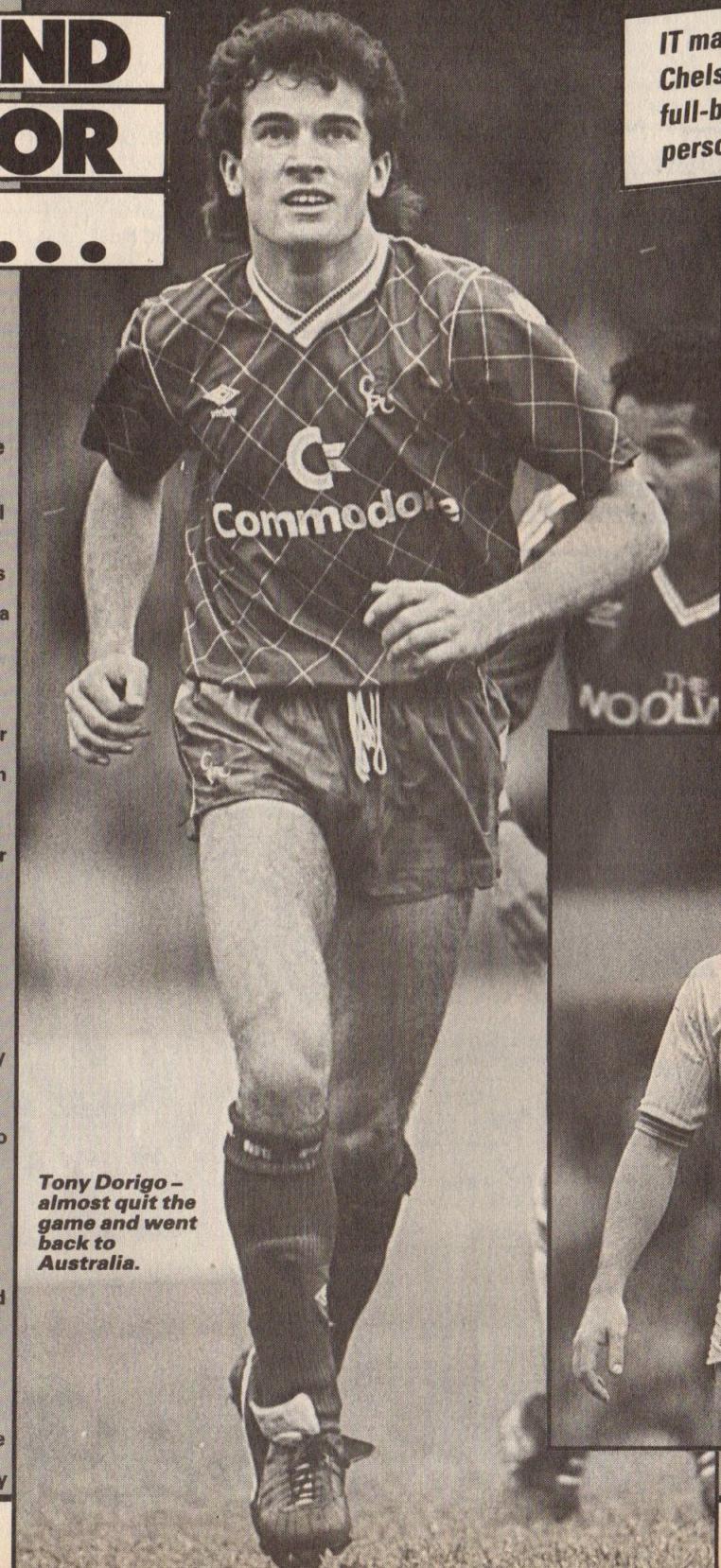
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# DORIGO'S DREAMS!

## ENGLAND CALL FOR TONY ...



IT may be a season to forget for Chelsea but for Stamford Bridge full-back Tony Dorigo it's been a personal victory ...

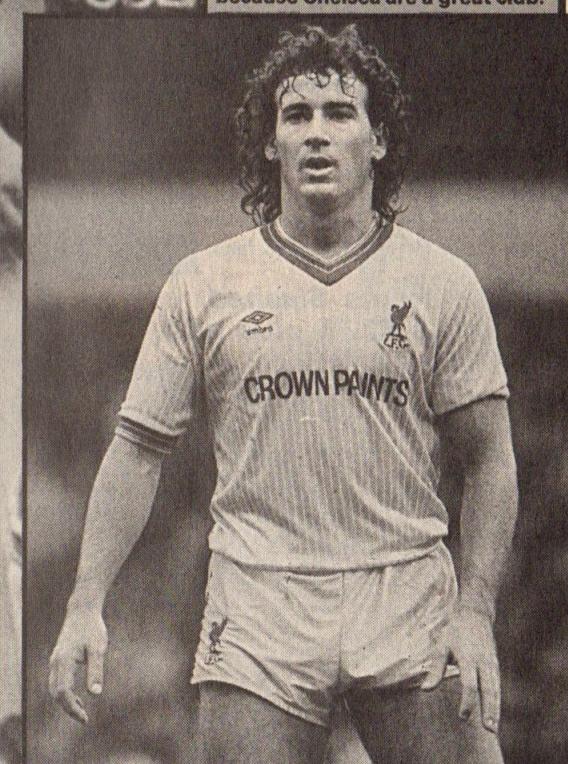
to Kenny Sansom following an injury to Forest's Stuart Pearce.

Says Tony: "It was a very nice surprise. I didn't expect it at all and, while you always hope you might be called up, I never thought about it too much or built up my hopes."

"Now I've been called up for the squad I'm just hoping to get a game. I'll just keep my fingers crossed that I may even go to Germany."

Uncapped Tony – who left Villa for First Division football – also finds it ironic that he could be in the European Championship squad and in the Second Division while the club he left has bounced back to the top flight at the first attempt under Graham Taylor's management.

"Yes, that would be very ironic," he adds. "But I still believe I made the right decision because Chelsea are a great club."



Tony Dorigo – almost quit the game and went back to Australia.

AS Liverpool's Craig Johnston prepares to pack his bags and return to Australia, England's latest Aussie recruit has spoken about his own battle against homesickness and how it almost forced him to quit the game too!

Ironically, Tony Dorigo's road to stardom is an almost identical one to that of the Anfield hero. Like Craig, Tony left his homeland as a teenager, paid his own air fare to England and staked everything on becoming a First Division soccer star.

And in a season when Craig also burst into the England squad, the Melbourne-born defender now finds himself a surprise eleventh-hour choice for his adopted country after battling to keep his West London club, Chelsea, in the top flight.

But his rise to the top hasn't been easy as former Villa left-back Tony explains: "I came over to England when I was 15 and Villa gave me a chance as an apprentice but, at the time, it was very hard for me and I was very homesick.

"There was a time when I was at Villa – during the days when I used to clean the boots as an apprentice – that I almost threw it all in because I was missing my family. I'm glad I stuck it out now."

Life was made easier for Tony, who finally beat his longing to go back home, when his parents also decided to move over to England and settle in Birmingham.

That left him free to concentrate on his football and, after graduating to Villa's first team, his teenage gamble looked to have paid off when Chelsea shelled out £475,000 to take him to Stamford Bridge.

Now, after a season which left Chelsea battling for their First Division existence and involved in the nerve-racking drama of the play-offs, he's been drafted into the England squad as understudy

Craig Johnston – homesick Aussie.

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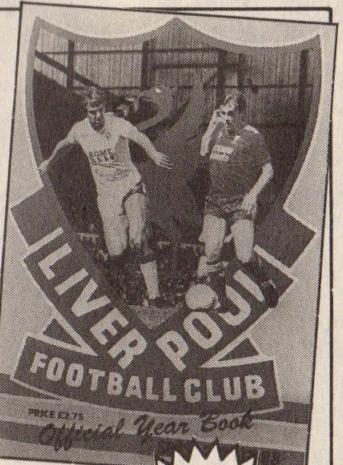
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**FINAL tables, leading scorers, star men... it's all here in the three-page MATCH review of the season.**

SHOWERED in champagne as League Champions for the second time in three years, Liverpool claimed their record 17th title success in a style even they will find hard to ever match.

And while it wasn't until Saturday, April 23 - with Tottenham the visitors to Anfield - that the 'Reds' were finally crowned Champions, the race was over long before.

A 29-match unbeaten run from the start of the season - equaling the record of the great Leeds team of the early seventies - virtually put paid to the chances of the other hopefuls and it became just a matter of time before football's mathematicians declared the race over.

But while League glory was undeniably Liverpool's, the much sought-after 'double, double' would elude them.

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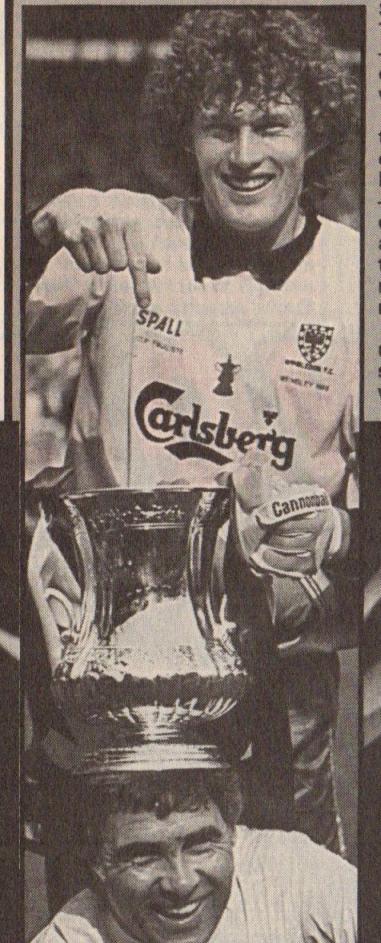
first major cup. But if there were shocks in both cup competitions, the Second Division promotion race was anything but predictable with unfashionable Millwall carrying off the Championship.

It left Aston Villa - early favourites to lift the title - having to settle for runners-up spot but content in the knowledge that First Division football is returning to Villa Park.

In Division Three, it was North-East giants Sunderland who finally ran out easy winners following their first experience of football in the League's lower reaches and former top flight side Wolves began the long haul back by clinching the Division Four Championship.

And of course we must not let the moment pass without mention of Colin Murphy's Lincoln who bounced back against all the odds to land the Vauxhall Conference.

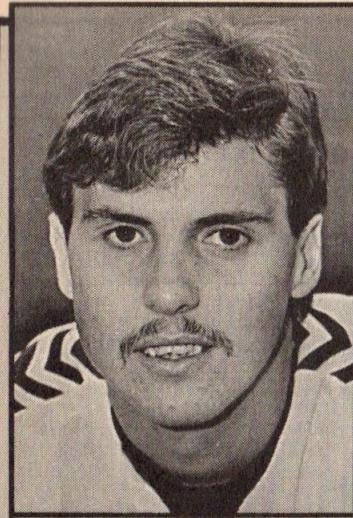
# LEAGUE REVIEW OF THE SEASON



**THE CUP THAT CHEERS!**  
Wimbledon skipper Dave Beasant and manager Bobby Gould fool with the FA Cup following victory over Liverpool.



**THAT CHAMPION FEELING!** Ronnie Whelan (left) and John Barnes look on as Nigel Spackman takes his turn at hoisting the silverware.



# STEAMING CURRIE

**BARNSLEY'S** David Currie is too hot to handle ... and that's official.

The former Darlington hot-shot was the season's star performer as our exclusive 'Match Facts' table shows. And to prove his superiority this term, David ended up star man at both Darlington and his new club.

## FINAL TABLES

YOUR check on how they finished up in each division with each club's leading League scorer and his goal tally.

### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading scorer
Liverpool	40	26	12	2	87	24	90	John Aldridge
Man. United	40	23	12	5	71	38	81	Brian McClair
Not'tn Forest	40	20	13	7	67	39	73	Nigel Clough
Everton	40	19	13	8	53	27	70	Wayne Clarke
GPR	40	19	10	11	48	38	67	Gary Bannister*
Arsenal	40	18	12	10	58	39	66	Alan Smith
Wimbledon	40	14	15	11	58	47	57	John Fashanu
Newcastle	40	14	14	12	55	53	56	Michael O'Neill
Luton	40	14	11	15	57	58	53	Mark Stein
Coventry	40	13	14	13	46	53	53	Cyrille Regis
Sheff. Wed.	40	15	8	17	52	66	53	Lee Chapman
Southampton	40	12	14	14	54	55	50	Colin Clarke
Tottenham	40	12	11	17	38	48	47	Clive Allen
Norwich	40	12	9	19	40	52	45	Kevin Drinkel
Derby	40	10	13	17	35	45	43	Phil Gee/John Gregory
West Ham	40	9	15	16	40	52	42	Tony Cottee
Charlton	40	9	15	16	38	52	42	Garth Crooks
Chelsea	40	9	15	16	50	68	49	Gordon Durie
Portsmouth	40	7	14	19	36	66	35	Kevin Dillon
Watford	40	7	11	22	27	51	32	Luther Blissett
Oxford	40	6	13	21	44	80	31	Dean Saunders
*Now Coventry								

### DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading scorer
Millwall	44	25	7	12	72	52	82	Teddy Sheringham
Aston Villa	44	22	12	10	68	41	78	Warren Aspinall*
Middlesbrough	44	22	12	10	63	36	78	Garry Thompson
Bradford	44	22	11	11	74	52	77	Bernie Slaven
Blackburn	44	21	14	9	68	52	77	Ron Fletcher
C. Palace	44	22	9	13	86	59	75	Mark Bright
Leeds	44	19	12	13	61	51	69	John Sheridan
Ipswich	44	19	9	16	61	52	66	David Lowe
Man. City	44	19	8	17	80	60	65	Paul Stewart
Oldham	44	18	11	15	72	64	65	Andy Ritchie
Stoke	44	17	11	16	50	57	62	Phil Heath
Swindon	44	16	11	17	73	60	59	Jimmy Quinn
Leicester	44	16	11	17	62	61	59	Gary McAllister
Barnsley	44	15	12	17	61	62	57	Steve Lowndes
Hull	44	14	15	15	54	60	57	Garry Parker/Alex Dyer
Plymouth	44	16	8	20	55	67	56	Tommy Tyran
Bournemouth	44	13	10	21	56	68	49	Trevor Aylott
Shrewsbury	44	11	16	17	42	54	49	Mike Brown
Birmingham	44	11	15	18	41	66	48	Steve Whittom
West Brom	44	12	11	21	50	69	47	Andy Gray
Sheff. Utd.	44	13	7	24	45	74	46	Tony Phillips
Reading	44	10	12	22	44	70	42	Colin Gordon
Huddersfield	44	6	10	28	41	100	28	Duncan Shearer
*Now Nott'm Forest								

### DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading scorer
Sunderland	46	27	12	7	92	48	93	Marco Gabbiadini
Brighton	46	23	15	8	69	47	84	Gerry Nelson
Walsall	46	23	13	10	68	50	82	David Kelly
Notts County	46	23	12	11	82	49	81	Ian McParland
Bristol City	46	21	12	13	77	62	75	Alan Walsh
Northampton	46	18	19	9	70	51	73	Trevor Jury*
Wigan	46	20	12	14	70	61	72	Paul Jewell
Bristol Rov.	46	18	12	16	68	56	66	Gary Penrice
Fulham	46	19	9	18	69	60	66	Leroy Rosenior**
Blackpool	46	17	14	15	71	62	65	Darren Beckford
Port Vale	46	18	11	17	58	56	65	Darren Beckford
Brentford	46	16	14	16	53	59	62	Andy Sinton
Gillingham	46	14	17	15	77	61	59	Steve Lovell
Bury	46	15	14	17	58	57	59	Liam Robinson
Chester	46	14	16	16	51	62	58	Stuart Rimmer***
Preston	46	15	13	18	48	59	58	Gary Brazil
Southend	46	14	13	19	65	83	55	David Crown
Chesterfield	46	15	10	21	41	70	55	Dave Waller
Mansfield	46	14	12	20	48	50	59	Steve Charles
Aldershot	46	15	8	23	64	74	53	Tommy Langley
Rotherham	46	12	16	18	50	66	52	Paul Haycock
Grimsby	46	12	14	20	48	58	50	Mark North
York	46	8	9	29	48	91	33	David Banton
Doncaster	46	8	9	29	40	84	33	Brian Deane
*Now Man. City. **Now West Ham. ***Now Watford.								

### DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading scorer
Wolves	46	27	9	10	82	43	90	Steve Bull
Cardiff	46	24	13	9	66	41	78	Jimmy Gilligan
Bolton	46	22	12	12	66	42	78	John Thomas
Scunthorpe	46	20	17	9	76	51	77	Andy Flounders
Torquay	46	21	14	11	66	41	77	Paul Dobson
Swansea	46	20	10	16	62	56	70	Colin Pascoe*
Peterborough	46	20	10	16	52	53	70	Mick Gooding
Leyton Orient	46	19	12	15	85	63	69	Ian Jury*
Colchester	46	19	10	17	47	51	67	Dale Tempest
Burnley	46	20	7	19	57	62	67	George Oghani
Wrexham	46	20	6	20	69	58	66	Kevin Russell
Scarborough	46	17	14	15	56	48	65	Stuart Mell
Darlington	46	18	11	17	71	69	65	David Currie**
Tranmere	46	19	9	18	61	53	64	Ian Muir
Cambridge	46	16	13	17	50	57	59	David Crown***
Hartlepool	46	15	14	17	50	57	59	Paul Baker
Crewe	46	13	19	14	57	53		

# SCOTCHED!

**LEIGHTON SAVES  
SCOTLAND'S BLUSHES**

**NEW** Manchester United 'keeper Jim Leighton was Scotland's hero at Wembley on Saturday as Peter Beardsley and his England team-mates threatened to run up a cricket score. Leighton made a series of world class saves - succumbing only to a piece of real brilliance by the bewitching Beardsley that 'scotched' the hopes of the tartan hordes that had flocked to Wembley.

Left: It's Leighton in action again, throwing himself at a Chris Waddle shot that goes narrowly wide. Bottom: It's there! Peter Beardsley's cheeky chip after a great one-two with John Barnes beats Leighton for the only goal of the game. And below, the Liverpool star (left) turns away to receive the acclaim of Bryan Robson (7) and Gary Lineker.



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Sunday, May 15

(Evening kick-off from last week)

Play-off, Semi-Finals, First Leg  
Division Two/Three

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Walsh 48)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0

Att: 25,335  
Bristol City: Waugh 7, Llewellyn 7, Newman 6, Humphries 6, Pender 6, McLaren 7, Milne 6, Galliers 7, Gordon 6 (sub, Shutt 6). **★WALSH** 8, Neville 7 (sub, Jordan 6).

Sheff Utd: Benstead 6, Wilder 7, Powell 7, Webster 6, Stancliffe 6, Barnsley 6, Hetherston 5 (sub, Pike 6), Withe 6 (sub, Phillips 6). **★CADETTE** 8, Downes 6, Beagrie 7.

Referee: J. Martin (Alton)  
Match Rating: \*\*\*\*

Tuesday, May 17

Rous Cup

SCOTLAND (0) 0

COLUMBIA (0) 0

Att: 20,487 (at Hampden Park)  
Scotland: Leighton 7, Gough 7, McLeish 7, Miller 7. **★NICKOL** 8, McStay 5, Aitken 6, MacLeod 6, Gallacher 6 (sub, Walker 4), McCost 4 (sub, Ferguson 5), Johnston 5.

Columbia: Hignett 7, Herrera 7, Perea 7, Estob 7, Hoyoz 7, Alvarez 5, Iguaran 5, **★VALDERRAMA** 8, Redin 7, Garcia 6, Preller 6 (sub, Arrango).

Referee: V. Correia (Portugal)  
Match Rating: \*\*

Wednesday, May 18

Play-off, Semi-Finals, Second Leg

Division One/Two

CHELSEA (1) 4 (Wilson, K. 26, 78, Dixon 54, Durie 83)

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Sellars 61)

Chelsea win 6-1 on aggregate.

Att: 22,757

Chelsea: Hitchcock 6, Clarke 6, Wilson, C. 6, Pates 5, McLaughlin 4, Hall 7, Nevin 8, Burnstead 7 (sub, McAllister), Dixon 6, Durie 8. **★WILSON**, K. 9. Sub not used: Wicks.

Blackburn: Genoe 7, Reid 6, Miller 5, Barker 7, Mail 5 (sub, Hill 6), Hendry 6, Gayle 7, Archibald 7. **★ARDILES** 8, Garner 6, Sellars 7. Sub not used: Ainscow.

Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)

Match Rating: \*\*\*

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Slaven 35, Hamilton 91)

BRADFORD (0) 0

After extra-time. Middlesbrough win 3-2 on aggregate.

Att: 25,868

Middlesbrough: Pears 7, Parkinson 8, Cooper 2, Mowbray 8. **★HAMILTON** 9, Pallister 7, Slaven 7, Ripley 8 (sub, Kershaw), Senior 7, Glover 8, Kerr 6 (sub, Laws).

Bradford: **★TOMLINSON** 9, Abbott 7, Goddard 6, McCall 8, Oliver 7, Evans 6 (sub, Leonard), Hendry 7, Sinnott 6, Ormondroyd 8, Kennedy 6, Fitcher 7 (sub, Palin 6).

Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)

Match Rating: \*\*\*\*

Division Two/Three

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Morris 48)

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Shutt 16)

Bristol City win 2-1 on aggregate.

Att: 19,066

Sheff Utd: Benstead 7, Powell 6, Pike 7, Webb 6, Stancliffe 7, Barnsley 6 (sub, Agana), Morris 6. **★CADETTE** 8, Williams 6, Downes 6, Beagrie 6. Sub not used: Hetherston.

Referee: P. Patel (Swindon)

Match Rating: \*\*\*

Welsh Cup Final

CARDIFF (2) 2 (Curtis 13, Gilligan 34)

WREXHAM (0) 0

Att: 5,465 (at Swansea)

Cardiff: Wood 7, Bater 7, Platnauer 6, Ford 6, Stevenson 6, Boyle 6, Curtis 7, Kelly 6, **★GILLIGAN** 8, McDermott 6, Bartlett 7 (sub, Wheeler). Sub not used: Mardenborough.

Referee: P. Patel (Swindon)

Match Rating: \*\*\*

Saturday, May 21

Rous Cup

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Beardsley 10)

SCOTLAND (0) 0

Att: 70,480 (at Wembly)

England: Shilton 6, Stevens 6, Sansom 6, Webb 7, Watson 6, Adams 7, Robson 7, Steven 6 (sub, Waddle). **★BEARDSLEY** 8, Lineker 6, Barnes 6.

Scotland: **★LEIGHTON** 9, Gough 7, Nicol 7, Aitken 6, McLeish 7, Miller 6, Simpson 6 (sub, Burns), McStay 6, McCost 5 (sub, Gallacher), MacLeod 6, Johnston 5.

Referee: J. Quinio (France)

Match Rating: \*\*\*

World Cup, Qualifying Round

Group Six

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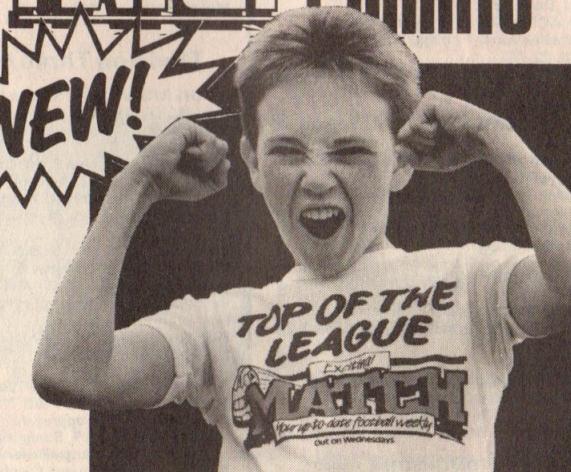
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Saturday May 28th 1988

# Dear Emlyn



FORMER Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes – who tasted both victory and defeat in FA Cup Finals – looks back through your letters to the day his beloved 'Reds' saw their dreams of an incredible 'double, double' shattered.

If you have a question for the former England star, the address to write to is 'Dear Emlyn', MATCH, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ. Don't forget to include your chest and boot size in case you are among our lucky winners, who this week are Derek Harrison of Nottingham (Taurus leather football), and Caroline Walker of Great Yarmouth (Hi-Tec sweat top).

## DEAR EMLYN

THE underdogs have done it again! Wimbledon's fantastic victory at Wembley made them the third team this season to win a Final – after Reading and Luton – when they were least expected to. They fully deserved to win but have you any idea why the favourites keep missing out? **Derek Harrison, Nottingham.**

● NO idea at all, Derek. I agree with you that the 'Dons' were worthy winners. Liverpool didn't perform – or weren't allowed to – and Wimbledon stole a goal. It wasn't a classic Final by any means but there was only ever going to be one team in it.

## DEAR EMLYN

I WAS appalled by referee Brian Hill's display at Wembley. He disallowed a goal that quite clearly should have stood and then gave a penalty that quite obviously wasn't. His performance ruined what should have been a great occasion. **Caroline Walker, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.**

● TO say Brian Hill had a poor game by his standards would be an understatement. He was quite clearly wrong to blow up when he did for Andy Thorn's attempted foul on Peter Beardsey. He should have allowed play to continue until Peter either scored or missed and then had a quiet word with the referee concerned. But by giving Liverpool a penalty he only succeeded in getting himself in bigger trouble. Clive Goodyear's tackle on John Aldridge was never in a million years a penalty.

■ MORE MATCH READERS AIR THEIR VIEWS IN MICK'S MAILBAG – SEE PAGE 30.



John Aldridge – penalty that never was.

## DEAR EMLYN

WHY isn't Dave Beasant in Bobby Robson's England squad? He was brilliant in the FA Cup Final – and I'm a Liverpool fan! I don't think the 'Dons' deserved to win the Cup, but Beasant certainly did. **Rachel Buxton, Chaddesden, Derby.**

● DAVE should certainly be in the England squad and I rate him as probably the third best in the country behind Chris Woods and Peter Shilton. He commands his area, is very good on crosses and is certainly worth a place in one of Bobby's squads.

## DEAR EMLYN

WELL, you and all the other 'experts' got it wrong in predicting that Liverpool would thrash the 'Wombles' of Wimbledon. There was only one team in it and they certainly weren't wearing red shirts. **Carol Fryer, Ewell, Surrey.**

● COULDN'T agree with you more, Carol. Wimbledon played to their strengths and Liverpool didn't. They passed for the sake of it and never really looked like carving up Wimbledon's defence. But don't worry, Liverpool will come back.

# Hot Gossip

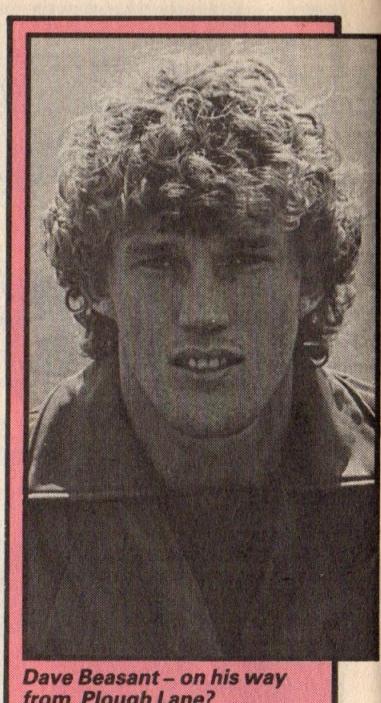
Reporter Ray Ryan's weekly round-up of all the big transfers... and the latest rumours!

have bright futures in the game so they could be snapped up by the bigger clubs in the next few months.

Meanwhile Wimbledon's FA Cup opponents Liverpool are attempting to keep CRAIG JOHNSTON at Anfield. Johnston revealed that he wanted to quit the British game and return to Australia but Kenny Dalglish is desperately trying to make him reverse his decision.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson might also be forced to plead with one of his stars to stay at the club. That's because England skipper BRYAN ROBSON was the subject of a 'name your price' bid from French club Strasburg. The offer comes just weeks after Ferguson splashed out £750,000 to buy JIM LEIGHTON from Aberdeen. If Ferguson does release Robson, then he could use the money received in his attempt at bringing PAUL GASCOIGNE and GARY PALLISTER to the club.

However, Old Trafford holds no more fascination for ARTHUR ALBISTON. The



Dave Beasant – on his way from Plough Lane?

Countdown to

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Germany

AFTER several years during which they earned a reputation as one of the most skilful and entertaining teams in the world, the Soviet Union's ageing squad is now presented with a last chance of international glory.

Having appeared in four previous final stages, they will lack nothing in experience of the pressures and tensions of the tournament and could turn out to be the most dangerous outsiders.

Glasgow Rangers may have done them a favour when they knocked Dynamo Kiev out of the European Cup in the second round last season. Their elimination meant the Kiev players, who form the backbone of the USSR's national team,

# RED ARMY ON THE MARCH!

## FIXTURES

### GROUP TWO

June 12: Holland v USSR (Cologne, 7.15).  
June 15: Eire v USSR (Hanover, 7.15).  
June 18: England v USSR (Frankfurt, 2.30).  
COLOURS: Red shirts, white shorts, red socks.



Valery Lobanovsky – the USSR manager.

Championship tournament in 1960, reached the Final in 1964 and 1972 and the Semi-Finals in 1968.

And while they failed to impress during this tournament's qualifying stages in which their excellent home record enabled them to overwhelm East Germany and France to top Group Three, they have shown signs of recapturing their best form during the second half of the season.

At their best the Russians are a brilliant side capable of thrilling improvisational play. Any of their individuals would not look out of place in any other international side with Igor Belanov and Oleg Protasov likely to emerge again as their stars.

Both have suffered from injuries in the last year but have fought back to recover their best form and should enjoy the stimulation of playing in what promises to be one of the most evenly contested international tournaments for years.

The USSR's 'Red Army'.

The team will almost certainly include Rinat Dasaev in goal – a man still regarded by some as the best 'keeper in the world – but one name that will be missing from the great Soviet team of recent years – who can forget their 6-0 thrashing of Hungary during the 1986 World Cup Finals? – will be veteran winger Oleg Blokhin who has finally retired from international football after a decade at the top.

The men he has left behind will, however, do all they can to spoil the chances of both England and Eire in the opening group section as the USSR bid to reach the Semi-Finals for the fifth time in the history of the tournament.

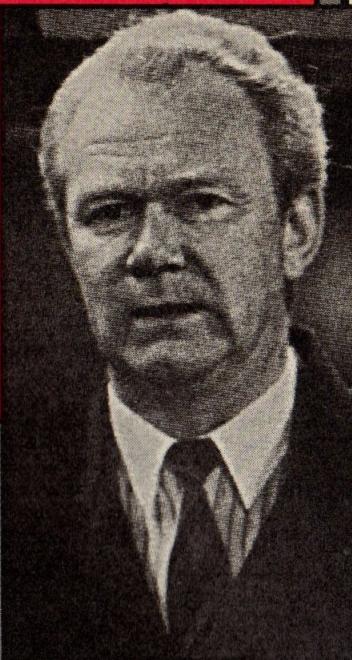
## NO. 6: USSR

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## HOW THEY QUALIFIED

THE USSR's route to the 1988 Finals:

### Group Three

SEPTEMBER 24, 1986: Iceland (1) 1 (Gudjohnsen 29), USSR (1) 1 (Sulakvelidze 44). Att: 7,000.  
OCTOBER 11, 1986: France (0) 0, USSR (0) 2 (Belanov 67, Rats 73). Att: 40,496.  
OCTOBER 29, 1986: USSR (3) 4 (Litovchenko 25, Belanov pen 27, Blokhin, Khidatulin 52), Norway (0) 0. Att: 35,000.  
APRIL 29, 1987: USSR (1) 2 (Zavarov 41, Belanov 49), East Germany (0) 0. Att: 95,000.  
JUNE 3, 1987: Norway (0) 0, USSR (1) 1 (Zavarov 15). Att: 10,473.

### FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	8	5	3	0	14	3	13
East Germany	8	4	3	1	13	4	11
France	8	1	4	3	4	7	6
Iceland	8	2	2	4	4	14	5
Norway	8	1	2	5	5	12	4

# BEWARE BELANOV

THE Soviet Union's veteran team will rely for goals on the pace and finesse of striker Igor Belanov.

The Dynamo Kiev star, a former 'European Footballer of the Year', has been one of the leading stars in Russian football for the last five years. And the European Championship Finals will

## SOVIETS RELY ON HIT-MAN IGOR

offer him his final chance of proving he is a world-class player and winning his first major medal in the international game.

Twenty-seven-year-old Belanov has been a driving force in Dynamo Kiev's European campaign of recent seasons and his familiarity with the skills and the individual styles of the many Kiev men around him in the Soviet team always help to make him a major threat.

He is quick, skilful, nimble and deadly in front of goal and a modern striker in the European trend.

Like many of his Russian team-mates, however, Belanov has shown signs of fatigue in recent seasons after playing all the year round for Kiev and the Russian team.

Belanov caught the eye of many observers during the 1986 World Cup Finals and he has scored four goals to emerge as their most dangerous striker during the qualifying stages en route to the West Germany Finals.

Igor Belanov  
- driving  
force in the  
USSR team.



### PROBABLE SQUAD

Name	Age	Club	Caps	Goals
<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>				
Rinat Dasayev	30	Spartak Moscow	74	-
Viktor Chanov	28	Dynamo Kiev	5	-
<b>DEFENCE</b>				
Viktor Losev	29	Dynamo Moscow	3	-
Oleg Kuznetsov	25	Dynamo Kiev	21	-
Vagiz Khidatulin	29	Spartak Moscow	41	8
Yevgeny Yarovenko	24	Kairat Alma Ata	2	-
Anatoly Demyanenko	29	Dynamo Kiev	60	5
Alexander Bubnov	34	Spartak Moscow	34	1
Sergei Baltacha	30	Dynamo Kiev	40	2
<b>MIDFIELD</b>				
Gennady Litovchenko	24	Dynamo Kiev	26	4
Ivan Yaremcuk	26	Dynamo Kiev	9	2
Vadim Tischenko	25	Donbass Dnep.	2	-
Sergei Aleinikov	26	Dynamo Minsk	38	3
Vasily Rats	27	Dynamo Kiev	17	2
<b>ATTACK</b>				
Igor Dobrovolsky	20	Dynamo Moscow	5	2
Pavel Yakovenko	24	Dynamo Kiev	14	1
Oleg Protasov	24	Dynamo Kiev	29	12
A. Mikhailichenko	25	Dynamo Kiev	6	1
Igor Belanov	27	Dynamo Kiev	18	8
Sergei Rodionov	25	Spartak Moscow	29	8

## TOOTS TRACKED

YOU can only applaud the Football Association's clampdown on the ticket touts.

Liverpool trading standards officers were at Wembley for the FA Cup Final and spoke to around 500 fans who bought tickets at inflated prices in a bid to gain evidence as to where those tickets came from.

By tracing back it's hoped to pinpoint exactly who the tickets originally belonged to and, if found guilty of black marketing, curtail or limit the number they receive in future.

Anything that puts more FA Cup Final tickets in the hands of REAL fans can only be a good thing.

## WITHE IN THE WARS

OLD warhorse Peter Withe may have fought his last battle. The much-travelled 36-year-old, having just returned after suffering thrombosis in a leg, may now be forced to quit the game after breaking his cheekbone in Sheffield United's play-off defeat at Bristol City.

## Watch out!

SOME of the top strikers taking part in this summer's European Championship Finals could have a bit of bother getting through customs on the way home.

Seiko, official timekeepers to the Championship, will award a watch to the player who scores the first goal in every match.

And that means someone like Ruud Gullit could finish up with five up his sleeve!

## BALL ON THE BOX

ROCK on, Ballie! No, that isn't a misprint but a phrase that's bound to crop up in a new television series 'The Channon and Ball Video Show'.

The former England duo have teamed up for a series of programmes that will take a nostalgic look at the game as they remember it, with plenty of material from the archives to help jog their memories.

Unfortunately the show will only be screened on TV5 and at the rather unreasonable hour of 12.05am but, if you can stay awake long enough, the effort should be worthwhile.

## FINALLY, A CHANGE OF TUNE

SOME pretty horrible things were written about Wimbledon on the morning of the Cup Final, not least the suggestion that because of the way they play it would be a "tragedy for football if they won."

Yet those same people who knocked Bobby Gould's men on the eve of what was surely going to be a magnificent victory for Liverpool - for the good of football - suddenly changed their tune when they were made to eat their words.

No longer was it a tragedy but instead a deserved win. Funny old game...

## GAZZA SPLASHES OUT

PAUL GASCOIGNE put his foot in it when he kicked over a bucket of water after being sent off in a match against Derby. It cost him a £200 fine from the Football Association who judged 'Gazza' brought the game into disrepute with his actions.

He can think himself lucky not to have been banned for life for such a terrible crime!

## MATCH chat!

The column that takes you inside soccer.

### FLYING DOCTOR VISITS

PAUL WEBB, a 27-year-old cancer research doctor, paid £350 to fly 6,000 miles from his home in San Francisco to cheer Lincoln City on in their bid to regain their League status.

Said Paul after watching the victory which clinched the Vauxhall Conference title: "I had to shop around for a cheap flight because I couldn't really afford it but now I know it's all been worthwhile!"

### Boss eyed

KENNY DALGLISH being named Bell's Manager of the Year was hardly a surprise but was he the worthy winner?

Was it a greater feat for Liverpool with all their stars, money and support to win the League or Wimbledon with their 'six-a-penny' players, shoestring budget and average gates of around 7,000 to win the FA Cup?

## QUOTE OF

ALAN CORK - on being told he would have to pay £8 for two drinks at Wimbledon's hotel before the Final - said: "Eight quid for two drinks? I'd need a testimonial to buy a round!"

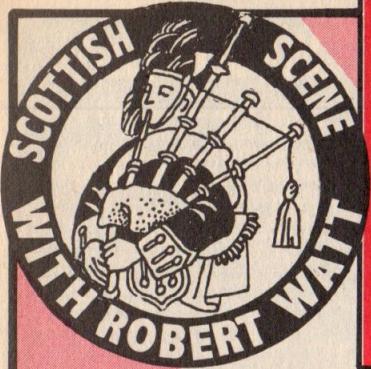
## THE WEEK

## TWO-GOAL RETURN OF THE EXILE

IAN RUSH gave Anfield a glimpse of what they've been missing when he scored in Alan Hansen's testimonial match against an England XI.

But any chances of the man coming home were dashed by 'Rushy' himself, who stressed there is still two years of his Juventus contract to run and there is no escape clause.

Any chance of him leaving Italy was made even less likely when his 'foreign' partner Michael Laudrup was transfer-listed.



## MCKNIGHT MAY MOVE

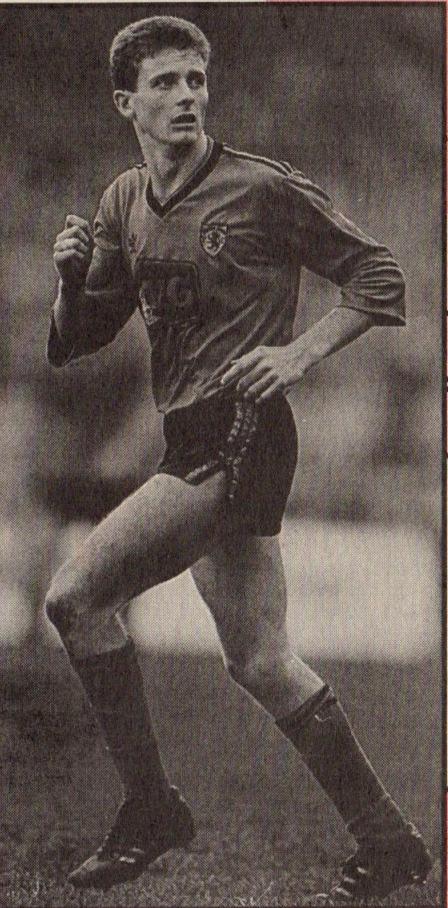
CELTIC'S Scottish Cup Final triumph may have been goalkeeper Allen McKnight's last appearance for the Parkhead club.

Called in as an eleventh hour replacement for the injured Pat Bonner, McKnight gave a flawless performance at Hampden but he feels his international prospects with Northern Ireland will suffer if he returns to the backwaters of reserve team football.

"I understand Allen's position," admits boss Billy McNeill. "He wants regular first team football but, with someone like Pat Bonner as his rival for the number one jersey, he knows I can offer no guarantees. We have, however, made him an offer to stay so he has gone away to think about things and will reach a decision on his future in the next week or so."

■ PAUL McSTAY completed his own personal double to add to Celtic's League and Cup glory when he was voted 'Player of the Year' by the Scottish PFA, two weeks after picking up the 'Football Writers' award.

■ MOTHERWELL and Huddersfield are both showing interest in Eire international Pierce O'Leary who has been released by Celtic.



# Pain-Killer!

KEVIN GALLACHER gained little consolation from winning the 'Mr. Superfit' man-of-the-match award at the Scottish Cup Final - but his call-up into the Scotland squad certainly gave the 21-year-old Dundee United attacker a much-needed lift.

He was shattered by Frank McAvie's late double for Celtic which overturned his superb opening strike and he could barely raise a smile when presented with the Cup Final sponsors' award.

But Andy Roxburgh's decision to pull him into the national squad for the Rous Cup games against Colombia and England did much to redress the balance and restore the spring to the player's step.

"I was sick after the Cup Final and I didn't want to even think about the game," he admits.

"Once again we had nothing to show for all our efforts and, when things like that happen so often, you begin to wonder if football is worth all the heartbreak.

"Then, out of the blue, I was pulled in to the Scottish squad and suddenly I found myself getting over my disappointment.

## ANDY EASES

### KEVIN'S AGONY

"And when I was named in the starting line-up for the match against Colombia, it gave me a tremendous boost and regenerated all my enthusiasm for the game.

"International football is the aim of every self-respecting professional and in the short time I have been part of the national squad I have learned from the experience.

"I am also perfectly aware of how quickly things can change in football. Just when I thought nothing was going right, things started to turn for me and now, instead of spending the Summer mulling over our Cup Final defeat, I have put the disappointment behind me and I'm looking forward to the new season."

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## NO HOT SEAT FOR MILLER

ABERDEEN are set to make the sort of offer which will keep Willie Miller at Pittodrie for the rest of his playing days but the 33-year-old defender is unlikely to be offered the vacant manager's chair.

Falling hard on the heels of the shock resignation of Ian Porterfield, Miller's name topped many lists of likely successors but, having declared himself good for another three years as a player and seeing the problems encountered by Graeme Souness who has tried to combine both jobs, he is almost certain to settle for continuing as skipper.

The Aberdeen board have advertised the vacancy and among those being mentioned are Rangers assistant boss Walter Smith, ex-Ibrox boss Jock Wallace and Motherwell's Tommy McLean.

But hot favourite for the job must be former St. Mirren boss Alex Smith, who only recently joined the Pittodrie coaching staff.

Smith is very highly regarded

throughout football and his brief exit from the soccer scene was always seen as nothing more than a temporary setback.

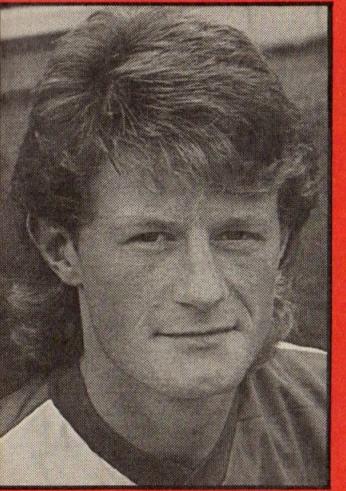
Meanwhile Ian Porterfield has hit out at suggestions that he is leaving Aberdeen with his tail between his legs.

"I'm no quitter," he snaps. "The fans never accepted me in the same way as they did Alex Ferguson but I could live with that."

"However, when my children began to be drawn into the matter, it was time for me to make a stand. My kids were getting a lot of trouble at work and school so, after much thought, I decided to call it a day."

"I believe I did an honest job for the club. After all the success which 'Fergie' had enjoyed, there was always going to be a levelling-off period while everyone adjusted to the change.

"I feel we were well on our way to sorting things out and were on the verge of making one or two signings which could have turned the club around."



Colin Hendry - devastated.

# BLACKBURN BLUES

DEVASTATED Blackburn defender Colin Hendry faces Second Division football again next season declaring: "I'm heart-broken!"

The 22-year-old defender has been ever-present in a season which saw the Ewood Park outfit chalk up a 23-match unbeaten run and come close to ending their 22-year absence from the top flight.

But a 6-1 aggregate defeat at the hands of Chelsea in the Division One/Two play-offs turned a season of hope into one of despair.

Says Colin: "We have done

so well this season by recording an impressive unbeaten run and also topping the Second Division table but the defeat at the hands of Chelsea overshadows all that.

"Although we slowed up a bit towards the end of the season, I really thought that we would be promoted.

"It's awful when you set your heart on something and then it doesn't come off but, after losing the first leg 2-0 to Chelsea, we were under a lot of pressure and couldn't really respond.

"We got hammered in the second leg at Stamford Bridge and it's all a bitter pill

to swallow."

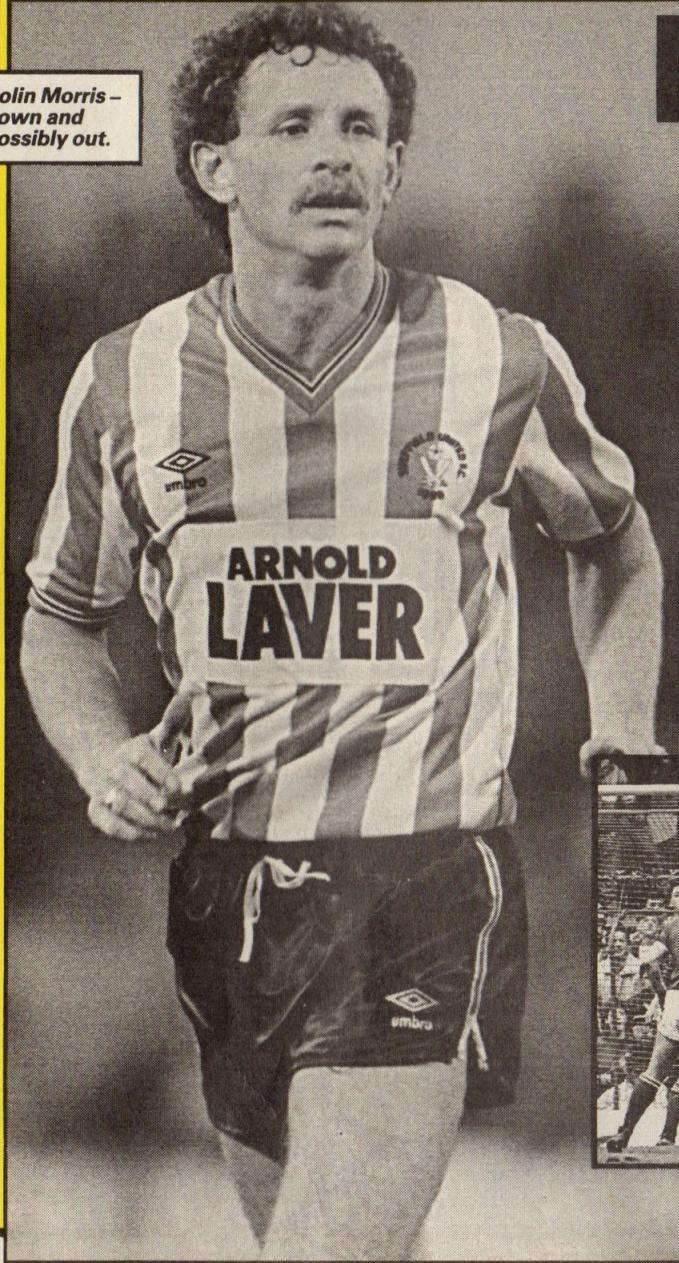
Colin has been the subject of much transfer speculation this season with rumours that a big First Division club would come in for him. And if those

rumours turn out to be true, Colin will get his chance of top flight football.

"I have got two years of my contract left at Blackburn but I am desperate for First Division football and if a big club came in for me then I would hope that Blackburn wouldn't stand in my way," he says.

"Whatever happens, you can be sure that this club will go all out next season to get into the top flight."

# SUDDEN DEATH



Colin Morris - down and possibly out.

MATCH brings you the inside stories from two of the early play-off games as Blackburn just miss out on promotion ... and Sheffield United go down!

## BLEAK FUTURE FOR MORRIS

THE future of Colin Morris hangs in the balance as Sheffield United face up to life in the Third Division.

The 35-year-old winger scored in United's 1-1 draw with Bristol City at Bramall Lane but it still wasn't enough to save Dave Bassett's side from relegation as they went down 2-1 on aggregate in a Division Two/Three play-off.

And as Colin explains, the drop means that his future at the club looks bleak.

"I would love to stay but somehow I don't think I will be here next season," Colin reveals.

"Everything will be sorted out in the next few days but I've got a feeling that I will not be part of future plans of the club."

And with his future apparently laying elsewhere, Colin has a warning for the 'Blades' side left to battle out of Division Three next season.

"The Third Division is a very hard place to play football and I'm sure the lads will find it difficult," he says.

"I should know because I was involved with the United side that did that four seasons ago and we only got out then because of a slightly better goal difference."

The drop also sees the misery of Dave Bassett completed. The man who brought Wimbledon from the Fourth Division to the top flight now stares at the Third Division again.



Action from Ayresome Park where Bradford lost 2-0 on the night and 3-2 on aggregate to Middlesbrough.

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**MATCH**



**CELTIC** celebrated their Centenary season in real style by winning both the Scottish Premier Division Championship and the Scottish Cup and our picture shows skipper Roy Aitken holding the title trophy together with mascot Stuart Murphy and the rest of the victorious squad.

**BACK ROW** (left to right): Brian Scott (physio), Tony Shepherd, Owen Archdeacon, Peter Grant, Mick McCarthy, Derek Whyte, Pat Bonner, Allen McKnight, Lex Baillie, Anton Rogan, Mark McGhee, Jimmy Steele (masseur), Tommy Craig (assistant manager), Neil Mochan (trainer), Billy McNeill (manager), Celtic ball boys.

**FRONT ROW:** Tommy Burns, Billy Stark, Chris Morris, Paul McStay, Joe Miller, Stuart Murphy (mascot), Roy Aitken, Frank McAvennie, Andy Walker, Celtic ball boys.

# CENTENARY SUPERSTARS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING AND WHY? My Tom and Jerry boxer shorts - they're so comfortable to wear.

WHO IS YOUR MOST FAMOUS FRIEND OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? I'm afraid they all seem to be in football.

WHAT SUBJECT DID YOU HATE MOST AT SCHOOL AND WHY? Physics - I couldn't grasp the subject... or the teacher!

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU COULD BE INVISIBLE FOR A DAY? Sneak on to Concorde and fly to Disneyland.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SOMEONE GAVE YOU £50,000 TODAY? Pay off our next telephone bill and with the change buy our full-back Greg Abbott some new clothes.

WHAT IS YOUR CLAIM TO FAME OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? I was actually present when our Scottish striker John Hendrie bought a round of drinks.

HOW MANY 'O' LEVELS DID YOU GET? English Language and Modern Geography.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET AND WHY? I've already met her - she was born five months ago.

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, FRIGHTENS YOU? Non-male car owners!

WHAT WAS THE FIRST CAR YOU BOUGHT AND HOW MUCH DID IT COST? Vauxhall Cavalier 1300 for £1,000.

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE POP STARS? Rod Stewart and Paul Young.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY? A First Division fixture list with Bradford's name on it.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE POSSESSION AT HOME AND WHY? My Teletext television. It keeps me up to date with all the latest soccer news.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF? I'm far too generous to my wife.

OUTSIDE FOOTBALL, WHAT IS THE BIGGEST RISK YOU HAVE TAKEN? I was the first person to taste my wife's home-made chilli.

WHAT ARE YOUR Hobbies? Watching most sports and collecting win bonuses.

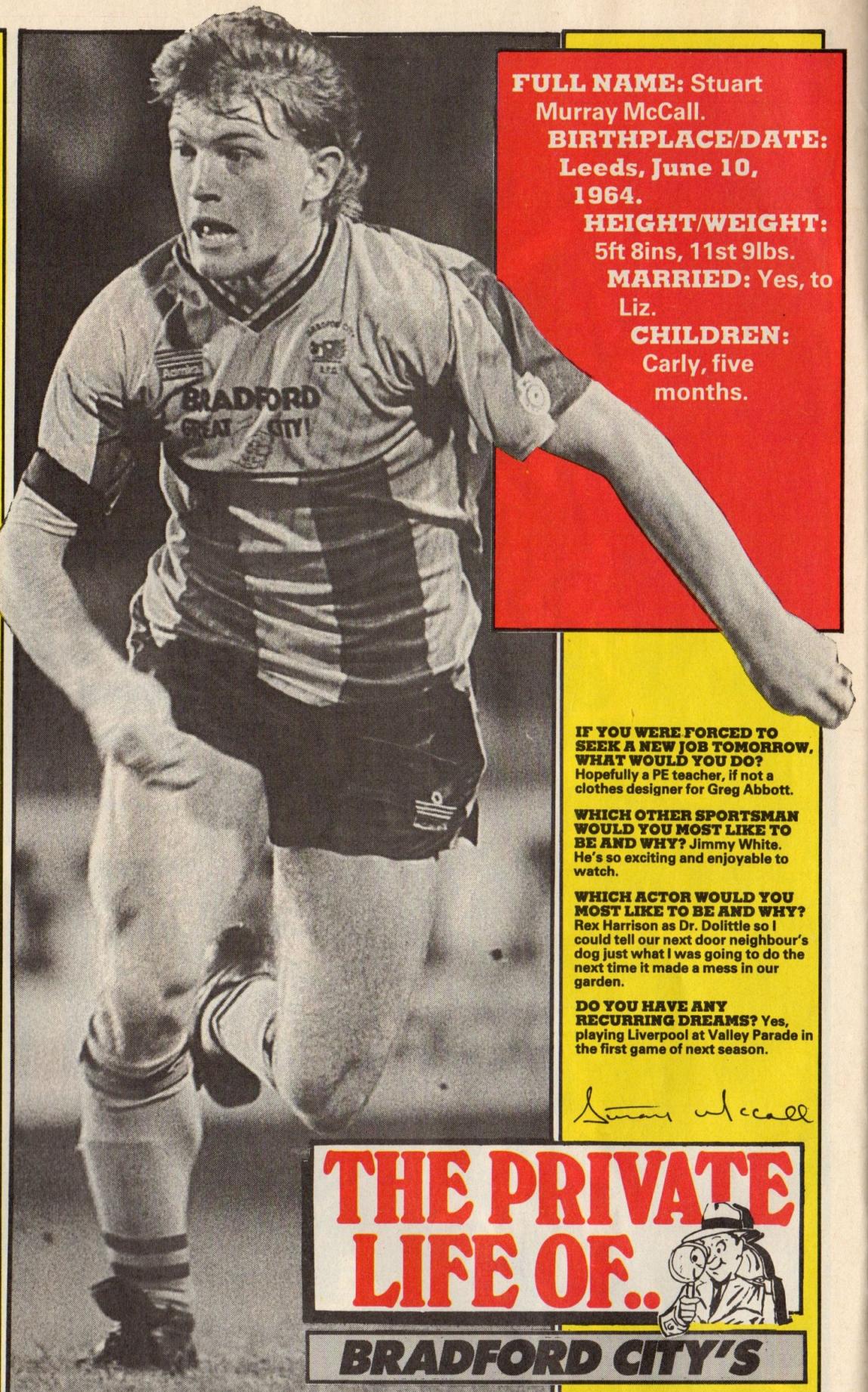
WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK DO YOU DISLIKE MOST AND WHY? Any day after we've been beaten.

IF YOU COULD BE A FLY ON THE WALL, WHERE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE? At a Page Three girl's modelling session.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MISTAKEN FOR SOMEBODY ELSE? Not really but some of the lads at Bradford call me 'Cheggers' after Keith Chegwin.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER? Fred Flintstone.

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF RELAXATION? A nice meal out with my wife.



**FULL NAME:** Stuart Murray McCall.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Leeds, June 10, 1964.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft 8ins, 11st 9lbs.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Liz.  
**CHILDREN:** Carly, five months.

IF YOU WERE FORCED TO SEEK A NEW JOB TOMORROW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Hopefully a PE teacher, if not a clothes designer for Greg Abbott.

WHICH OTHER SPORTSMAN WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE AND WHY? Jimmy White. He's so exciting and enjoyable to watch.

WHICH ACTOR WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE AND WHY? Rex Harrison as Dr. Dolittle so I could tell our next door neighbour's dog just what I was going to do the next time it made a mess in our garden.

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECURRING DREAMS? Yes, playing Liverpool at Valley Parade in the first game of next season.

*Stuart McCall*

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# Stuart McCall

# NEWPORT NIGHTMARE

NEWPORT'S nightmare season has left them fighting for their footballing future and facing life in a part-time league where favours will be few and far between.

But for one of their playing staff, goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw, County's traumatic slide into the Vauxhall Conference has left him bitter and anxious to get away before what is left of his career slides into non-League obscurity along with the Welsh side.

When the season began, Paul moved from Bristol Rovers to Somerton Park expecting the club to push for honours but, within weeks, he found them plummeting towards the Football League trapdoor like an out of control rollercoaster.

And after three managers, three chairmen, financial chaos, a catalogue of injuries and the sale of some of their best players, Newport finally gave up the fight to hang on to League status.

For 32-year-old Paul, the season has left him on the edge of the unknown and determined to get back into League football.

"We started the season off well with a blend of experienced players and youngsters," he explains. "But then we lost our skipper Phil Brignull through a serious knee injury and our plight just got worse and worse.

"John Lewis, who was manager then, did well to get some experienced players to the club and the future didn't look half as bad as it turned out.

"By the time Brian Eastick took over as boss we were near the bottom but above Tranmere and Rochdale. Then Tranmere went out and spent £60,000 on new players but, because of our financial situation, we knew we couldn't match that.

"When we started to sell our better players it was like admitting defeat and we were left to field YTS lads. You can't expect to survive by pitching youngsters into a League which is very physical and hard to play in."

Now Paul, who spent part of the season out with a serious thigh injury, is totally disillusioned about life at a club which hasn't even told him whether he is part of their plans for next season.

"I want to get away," he says emphatically. "I don't want to play in the Vauxhall Conference.

I'm fed up with the way the club has been run. I went from week to week not even knowing whether I would get any wages. It was that bad.

"I'm 32 and I still believe I can do a good job for a League club. I know I've got the ability and, even at my age, the challenge to prove myself is still there.

"I don't think there is any real chance of getting an improved contract at Newport and, in any case, I haven't even had a phone call from anyone at the club to tell me what is going on. People say we've been bought by a businessman but all I know is what I read in the papers.

**'I don't want to play in the Conference'**  
**— PAUL BRADSHAW**

"Newport's drop couldn't have come at a worse time for me. I can't even tell my family what is going on or plan holidays at the moment. At this stage of my career I need security."

And Paul's fate has been made even worse by the fact that one of his former clubs - Wolves - have at the same time got out of the Fourth Division as Champions and are due to play at Wembley against Burnley in the Sherpa Van Trophy.

"I still live in Wolverhampton," says Paul. "And I see the lads most weekends. It was very demoralising to see them buzzing every week while I would have just got back from a 6-0 thrashing.

But they are still mates and I wish them every success, even though it's like rubbing salt in the wounds."

*Former Wolves 'keeper Paul Bradshaw - plunged into a personal crisis by Newport's nightmare of a season.*

**FATAL FACT!** Newport's points total of 25 was the lowest of any team in the League!

**FATAL FACT!** Newport conceded a staggering 105 goals during the season - the worst record of any League team!

**FATAL FACT!** Newport suffered the most defeats both at home and away of any League team - 14 and 19 respectively!

I REALLY felt for Crystal Palace on the last Saturday of the League season. They must have thought they had secured a spot in the play-offs for a place in the First Division when they beat Manchester City 2-0. What they cannot have

expected was Blackburn winning away at Champions Millwall, thus condemning Palace to another season in Division Two. It must have been heart-breaking for manager Steve Coppell and his team. P. Melloy, Bletchley, Bucks.

'GAZZA' must go to Germany! If England are to stand any chance of success in the European Championship Finals this summer then manager Bobby Robson must not overlook the many talents of Newcastle star Paul Gascoigne. Although 'Gazza' has appeared in the Under-21 side, he has yet to make a full international

appearance for England. Tony Adams and Gary Pallister have made the step up, so why hasn't Paul been given his chance?

England's performances – especially in midfield – against Hungary and Israel have not been up to scratch and 'Gazza' is the man to get England firing again. With a midfield of Steve McMahon, Bryan Robson, Paul Gascoigne and Trevor Steven, can you see anyone beating England?

Dave Menzies, Southport, Merseyside.

• 'GAZZA' may get his chance in the friendly international with Switzerland.

CAN Charlie Nicholas have been serious when he described Premier Division Champions Celtic as "very vulnerable in defence" in a recent issue of MATCH?

These comments, while true of Celtic teams of the past, are patently untrue of the current team. Only 23 goals have been scored against the Parkhead outfit this season and that's the best record in the Premier Division.

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# RACING FOR PFAFF!

## PARIS ARE SET TO SWOOP

RACING PARIS look set to pull off a major coup by signing Belgian World Cup 'keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, who is destined to move on after six years with Bayern Munich.

The long-serving 'keeper – a veteran of more than 160 games for Bayern – is also interesting Monaco, who could be tempted to let unsettled English striker Mark Hateley return to Britain.

Monaco coach Arsene Wenger wants to strengthen his defence and

has already declared his admiration for the talents of the Belgian 'keeper.

Hateley is reported to have had talks with Spurs and Glasgow Rangers but has so far denied any move is on the cards.

And Mechelen – winners of the European Cup Winners' Cup – have completed the signing of Ajax striker John Bosman.

Bosman agreed to the deal with the Belgians after Mechelen ran out 1-0 winners over Ajax in the Final in Strasbourg.

■ MONACO had Glenn Hoddle to thank for carving out the opening for the goal which beat Nice 1-0 and virtually guaranteed the South Coast side the French title.

The England midfielder wriggled clear of his marker to set up the chance and was later unlucky not to score himself when he was brought down after rounding the goalkeeper. No penalty was awarded.

With second-placed Bordeaux beating Racing Paris 1-0, it left Monaco needing just one point from three games to make sure of the Championship.

## SPOT-ON, LINEKER!

BARCELONA'S bid to end their poor season on a high note was boosted with a 4-2 win over Real Zaragoza ... with incoming coach Johan Cruyff watching from the stands.

England striker Gary Lineker scored twice from the penalty spot to add to goals from Ramon Caldere and Rubensosa.

Meanwhile Spanish Champions Real Madrid and runners-up Real Sociedad drew 2-2.

Spanish international Emilio Butragueno scored twice for Madrid after Paco Loren had put the home team in front after 16 minutes.

Real Sociedad's substitute Jose Iturriaga grabbed a late equaliser for John Toshack's team in a match spoiled as a spectacle for the 20,000 fans when Madrid's Spanish

international midfielder Michel was struck on the head by an object thrown from the crowd.

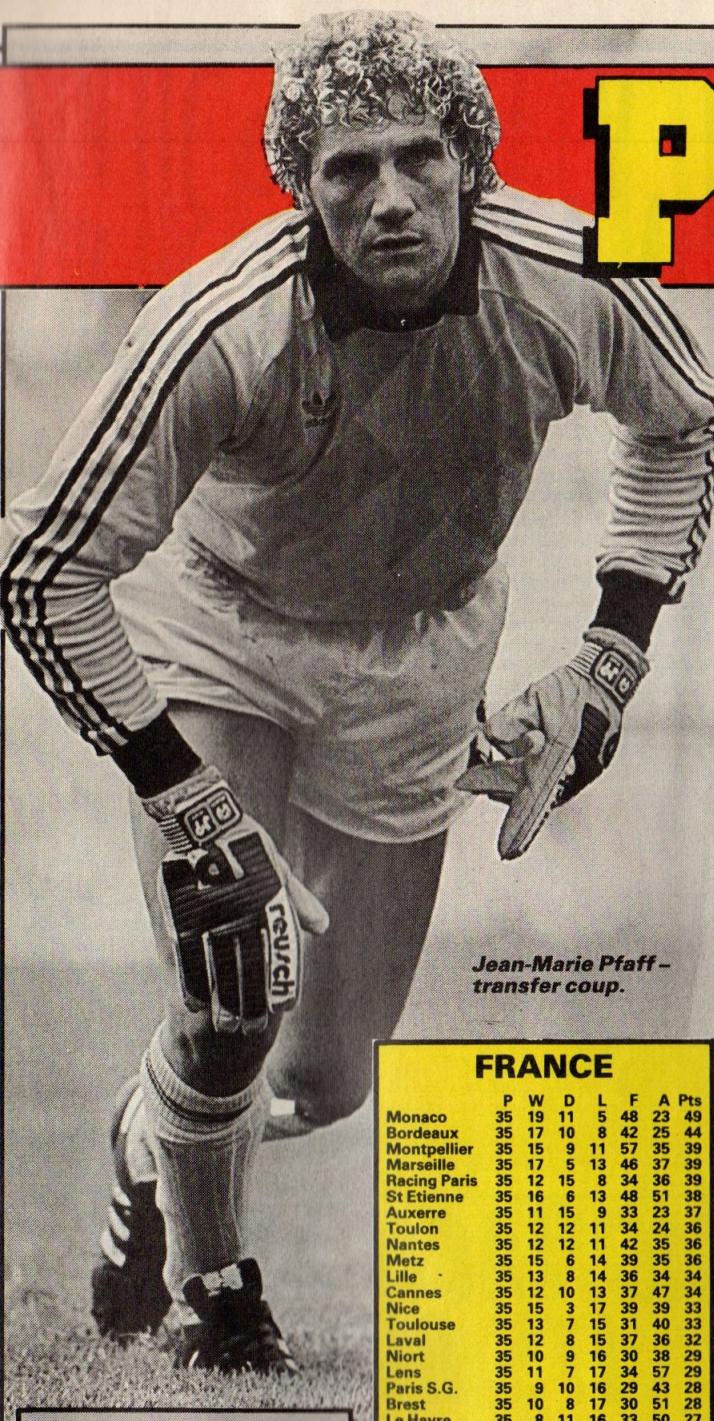


■ BRUGES clinched the Belgian title with a 3-0 win over

Winterslag but it was European Cup Winners' Cup heroes

Mechelen who hit the headlines with a crushing 3-0 victory over Anderlecht.

Goals from De Gryse, Gasperic and Brylle helped Bruges take the title while Mechelen capped a glorious week with a stunning win – their goals coming from Emmers, Koeman and Ohana to complete the greatest week in the club's history.



Jean-Marie Pfaff – transfer coup.

MATCH brings you a round-up of the stars voted 'Player of the Year' by the supporters in Division Four.

## THE FANS' CHOICE



Kevin Russell – celebrated his first full season by becoming Wrexham's leading scorer and the club's 'Player of the Year'.

## KEVIN CROWNED

### DIVISION FOUR

Club	Player	Full appearances (all comps)	Goals (all comps)
Bolton	David Felgate	41	0
Burnley	Steve Davis	39	5
Cambridge	Alan Kimble	46	1
Cardiff	Nicky Platinauer	46	1
Carlisle	Malcolm Poskett	45	15
Colchester	Colin Hill	30	1
Crewe	Dean Greycorse	46	0
Darlington	Mark Hine	55	4
Exeter	Paul Batty	32	6
Halifax	Phil Brown	54	5
Hartlepool	Paul Haigh	49	0
Hereford	Phil Stant	46	12
Leyton Orient	Steve Castle	42	10
Newport	Simon Hodson	42	1
Peterborough	Mick Goding	55	25
Rochdale	Geoff Lomax	50	0
Scarborough	Alan Kamara	33	0
Scunthorpe	David Harle	52	7
Stockport	Chris Marples	52	0
Swansea	Michael Hughes	40	0
Torquay	Jim McNichol	53	8
Tranmere	Ian Muir	47	30
Wolves	Steve Ball	57	52
Wrexham	Kevin Russell	46	25

WREXHAM may have missed out on promotion this season but for striker Kevin Russell it's still been a memorable year.

The 21-year-old former Portsmouth reserve completed his first full season in the Football League by finishing as Wrexham's highest goalscorer – and capped that by being voted the supporters' 'Player of the Season'.

"It has certainly been an exciting year for me," Kevin declares. "I never thought my first season would go so well but I'm delighted with the way it's turned out."

Although he missed seven matches in succession through a knee injury, Kevin still managed to hit 25 goals this season.

And with the emergence of a dynamic partnership with Ollie Kearns, the Wrexham fans will no doubt look to the two to provide the goals for a promotion push next

season. "Ollie and myself formed a brilliant partnership almost straight away," Kevin recalls. "In the first four matches we played together I managed to score five goals. Ollie then struck two in a game at Hereford. We haven't looked back since."

One thing Kevin found difficult in the Fourth Division was the higher than expected standard of play.

"Despite what people might say, the Fourth Division is a really hard division to play in," he says. "I played a few matches for Portsmouth in the Second Division and I just couldn't believe how fast the action was in Division Four. It all seemed to be at 100mph."

NEXT WEEK: Don't miss the fans' choice in Division Three.

## HOW THEY STAND

### BELGIUM

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bruges	33	23	5	74	33	51
Antwerp	33	20	9	73	37	49
Mechelen	33	21	6	69	23	48
Anderlecht	33	17	9	63	27	43
FC Liege	33	13	16	4	48	27
Waregem	33	15	7	11	49	37
C. Bruges	33	12	8	13	48	32
Charleroi	33	11	9	13	38	47
Courtrai	33	11	8	14	40	54
St Trond	33	10	9	14	29	37
Stand. Liege	33	10	8	15	43	49
Beerschot	33	10	7	16	38	47
Lokeren	33	9	8	16	42	45
Beveren	33	8	10	15	35	36
Molenbeek	33	7	12	14	31	47
Winterslag	33	9	6	18	30	74
Ghent	33	8	8	17	33	59
Racing Jet	33	7	7	19	21	55

LEADING GOALSCORERS: 24 – Severeys (Antwerp); 22 – De Gryse (Club Bruges); 18 – Niederbacher (Waregem), Malbasa (Liege); 17 – Brylle (Club Bruges).

LATEST RESULTS: Antwerp 3, St Trond 1; Courtrai 1, Standard Liege 0; Beerschot 1, FC Bruges 3, Winterslag 0; Lokeren 8, Ghent 1; Charleroi 3, Beveren 1; Mechelen 3, Anderlecht 0; Racing Jet 1, Cercle Bruges 1.

## ITALY (Final table)

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	30	17	11	2	43	45
Napoli	30	18	6	55	27	42
Roma	30	15	8	7	39	38
Sampdoria	30	13	11	6	41	30
Inter Milan	30	11	10	9	42	35
Juventus	30	11	9	10	35	30
Torino	30	8	15	7	33	30
Florentina	30	9	10	11	29	33
Cesena	30	7	12	11	23	32
Verona	30	7	11	12	23	30
Como	30	6	13	11	22	37
Ascoli	30	6	12	12	30	27
Pisa	30	6	12	12	23	30
Pescara	30	8	8	14	27	44
Avellino	30	5	13	12	19	39
Empoli*	30	6	13	11	20	30

\*Five points deducted for part in match-fixing scandal.  
LEADING GOALSCORERS: 15 – Meradona (Napoli); 13 – Careca (Napoli); 11 – Virdis (AC Milan); Giannini (Roma); 10 – Viali (Sampdoria).  
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## SPAIN

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R. Madrid	37	27	6	4	93	25
R. Sociedad	37	22	6	9	60	32
At. Madrid	37	19	9	9	57	35
Ath. Bilbao	37	12	9	9	48	44
Osasuna	37	15	9	13	39	33
R. Vall.	37	13	12	12	30	32
Barcelona	37	15	8	14	48	38
Celta	37	13	11	13	40	40
Seville	37	13	11	13	41	37
Sporting	37	14	9	14	43	37
R. Zaragoza	37	10	14	13	52	35
Cadiz	37	11	12	14	44	34
Valencia	37	10	12	15	45	32
Espanol	37	11	10	16	44	32
Lugones	37	12	8	17	28	45
Murcia	37	9	13	15	30	40
Real Betis	37	13	5	19	40	53
Sabadell	37	9	11	17	27	46
R. Mallorca	37	9	1			

Mark Hately - missing the big crowds.

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# MARK HATELEY

## INTERVIEW

MATCH: When did you actually realise that it was time to quit French football?

MARK: I think the crunch came just after Christmas when we were playing in front of just three to five thousand spectators at home even though we were top of the table. In the summer we were attracting gates of up to 20,000 but, when you reach October and November, everybody goes home and we were left playing in front of very moderate crowds to say the least. It was a great contrast after being used to 75,000 people every week in Italy and I really miss that.

MATCH: Was it affecting your game?

MARK: I think it would be unfair to say that playing in front of small crowds was affecting me but something was missing. I like to play in front of people who have enthusiasm for the game and the residents of Monaco are very different to anywhere else really. They are very wealthy people and sport is perhaps not highest on their list of interests.

*'I put my family before anything and that includes the European Cup and money. I would rather be happy and broke.'*

MATCH: Your name has already been linked with Glasgow Rangers and Spurs. Are you prepared to say if you would come back to a British club at this stage?

MARK: I think that would be very unfair to the clubs who are talking to me at the moment. All I can say is that I've had talks with a number of top British clubs. First of all I am trying to sort out the situation with Monaco and then get the European Championship won with England. After that I'm going to take two weeks off and sort out my future. I've already had two Italian clubs interested in signing me but I'm keeping my options open.

## MONACO LOSES ITS MAGIC

THE Monaco magic finally ran out for Mark Hately as low crowds and his unsettled family fuelled his desire to quit the French playboy paradise.

In an exclusive interview with MATCH, the 26-year-old tough-guy striker reveals the truth behind his shock decision to quit the French Champions and turn his back on a financial fortune and the chance of European Cup glory.

And with the European Championship Finals less than a fortnight away, the former AC Milan player also reveals how he is still haunted by his failure to make a mark in the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Says Mark: "Apart from my family being unsettled, I miss playing in front of big crowds and that was a big factor in my decision to leave Monaco at the end of the season.

"I'm used to playing in a big-match atmosphere and at Monaco I found I was playing in front of gates of just 5,000 when we played at home.

"Anyway, I put my family before

anything and that includes the European Cup and money. I would rather be happy and broke."

And the player whose decision to leave the rich lifestyle behind has already sparked off a massive hunt for his signature among Britain's top clubs admits he is still haunted by his World Cup disappointment.

Says Mark: "I thought I was unlucky to be left out of the World Cup side and was very disappointed. I had scored four goals in five games leading up to the Finals and got most of the goals which took us there.

"I didn't score in the first two games in the Finals but then nobody did and I felt a bit hard done by.

"Now I'm as keen as possible to get back for the European Championship but I know that it is a knock-out competition and people have to play well in every game or else others will get a chance to show what they can do.

"Now I think there is room for me to start a game and hopefully I'll get a bash in Germany."

MARK HATELEY dropped a soccer bombshell when he announced he was quitting the sun and swank of fashionable Monaco and here, in an exclusive interview with ADRIAN CURTIS, he talks frankly about his French experience ... and his England future.

MATCH: How have the club reacted to your decision to call it a day in France?

MARK: Both the president and manager have been very understanding and respect my reasons for wanting to leave. They are trying to come to some arrangement which will suit both me and the interests of the club. They are obviously very sorry to see me go, especially after the successful season we've had because we've played some great football and done well with a new team, but they are being very helpful at the moment. I don't think they could be fairer at this stage.

*'I felt a bit hard done by in the last World Cup Finals.'*

MATCH: Could they make you stay?

MARK: Oh yes, quite easily. I've still got two years left on my current contract and if the club and I can't come to some sort of satisfactory arrangement and they tell me I've got to see my contract out then I'll have to stay put. The European Cup will be a big factor in their decision whether to let me go or not. I've thought long and hard about turning my back on the chance to play for Monaco in Europe and I expect it will be high in their thoughts.

MATCH: Has it surprised you how well Monaco have done this year?

MARK: I think it has surprised everyone at the club. They finished around 8th or 9th last year and then bought five new players and changed the whole team around. They were looking at a two-year rebuilding programme but we managed to wrap the Championship up in the first season.

MATCH: Do you think Clive Allen will be a success with Bordeaux?

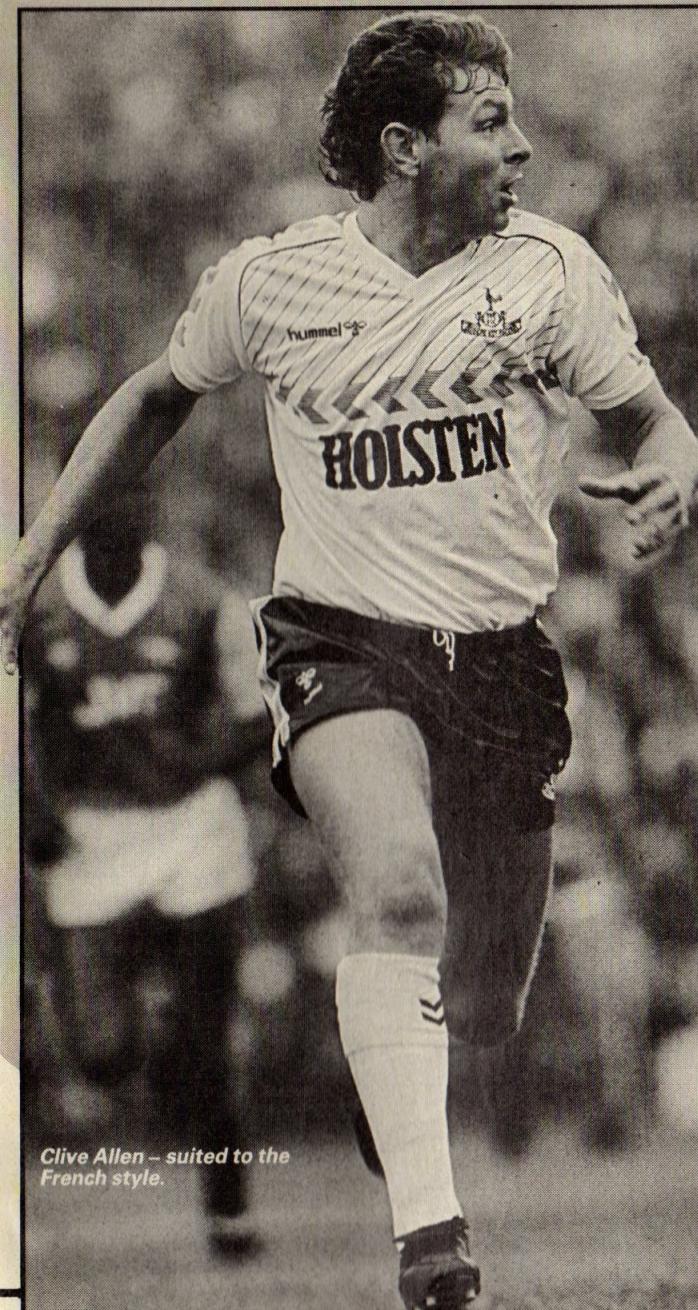
MARK: Clive's style of play will be very suited to French football. Bordeaux are a very good club and they pushed us for the title this season. Most French clubs play with small, sharp strikers and play in a very goal-minded way. Clive has the knack of scoring and is very good in the box. I think he'll do very well as the game is very open and flows to and fro very quickly.

MATCH: Do you think playing in France has been harmful to your England career?

MARK: I don't think so. Bobby Robson knows what I can do and that is good enough for me. I've been out of the country for four years and still been a regular in the England side. Although I haven't been a first choice recently, I can hopefully get back in time for the European Championship. I'm only 26 and I would hardly describe myself as an old man.

MATCH: How well do you think England will do in Germany next month?

MARK: I think this Championship is wide open and all the teams taking part are on a similar level. Being English, though, I have to say we've got a good chance and I believe we'll be playing in the Final, although the West Germans will be favourites and I would never write off the Russians. It is all about producing the right form over a fortnight and, with the squad we've got together, I think we can do that. We are strong in all departments and that is what you need to win these competitions. We lacked that strength before the Mexico World Cup.



Clive Allen - suited to the French style.

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# SKY-HIGH SUNDERLAND!

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Sunderland manager Denis Smith is  
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Gordon Armstrong as the Roker Park  
side celebrate Championship  
success and a return to Division Two  
at the first attempt.

